



**STATEMENT OF PROCEEDINGS FOR THE  
REGULAR MEETING OF THE  
SYBIL BRAND COMMISSION FOR INSTITUTIONAL  
INSPECTIONS**

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**Wednesday, September 9, 2015**

**10:00 AM**

AUDIO LINK FOR THE ENTIRE MEETING. (15-4339)

**Attachments:** [AUDIO](#)

**Present:** Chairperson Eleanor R. Montañó, Commissioner Donald S. Andrews, Commissioner Johanna Arias-Bhatia, Vice Chairperson Barbara Bigby, Commissioner Percy Duran III, Commissioner Keren M. Goldberg and Commissioner Cheryl Grills Ph.D.

**Excused:** Commissioner Susan Burton, Commissioner Anne S. Hill and Commissioner Theresa Zhen

**Staff present:** Bolaji Famuyiwa and Roy Sinclair. (15-4340)

**Call to Order.** (15-4202)

**Chairperson Montañó called the meeting to order at 10:00 a.m.**

**I. ADMINISTRATIVE MATTER**

1. Approval of the September 2, 2015 Minutes. (15-4203)

**On motion of Vice Chairperson Barbara Bigby, seconded by Commissioner Percy Duran, III, unanimously carried, this item was approved.**

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## **II. REPORTS**

2. Chairperson's Report on various items. (15-4205)

**Chairperson Montaña shared the following Newspaper Article with the Commission:**

### **Daily Breeze**

- **Sybil Brand Panel's Jail Oversight Role Could End (September 7, 2015)**

During a brief discussion of the article, the Commissioners gave feedbacks on their visits with their respective Supervisors/Board Deputies to find out the Supervisors' overall vision for the Commission moving forward. Further discussion resulted in a consensus amongst the Commissioners that the Commission's By-laws need to be revised to reflect the recommended new processes that will help the Commission conduct its business/inspections in a more effective and efficient manner. There was also a consensus to correspond with the Justice Deputies to inquire if they have decided on the guidelines and/vision for the Commission.

There was also conversation on the Commission's collaboration with other County Commissions and how the Commission can make its work more visible to the general public. To that effect the Commission will revisit how the information for the Commission's annual report is gathered and prepared to better advise the Board and the general public of the work that the Commission is doing. In line with advising the Board of Supervisors of its work, the Commission will be sending a correspondence to the Board to advise them of the Commission's meeting with the Sheriff's Department to discuss the Inmate Welfare Fund.

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3. Treasurer's report. (15-4206)

**Commissioner Andrews reported that the balance of the Commissioner's Charitable Fund remains at \$408.90.**

4. Staff Report on Correspondence Received and Department Representative Reports. (15-4207)

**There was no report presented.**

5. Commissioners' Reports on Group Home and/or Detention Facilities Inspections from September 3, 2015 to September 8, 2015. (15-4208)

**During the reporting period, the following group homes/facilities were reported as being in satisfactory condition:**

**Chairperson Montaña visited:**

- Dream Home Care, Inc. #3 (Gaviota Avenue, Long Beach, CA) on August 26, 2015.

**Chairperson Montaña and Commissioner Andrews visited:**

- Lomita Sheriff Station (Narbonne Avenue, Lomita, CA) on September 8, 2015.

**Vice Chairperson Bigby visited:**

- Bourne Inc. #2 (Santa Anita Avenue, Altadena, CA) on September 3, 2015.

**Commissioner Duran visited:**

- Eggleston Youth Center #1 (Waco Street, Baldwin Park, CA) on September 1, 2015.
- Temple City Sheriff Station (Las Tunas Drive, Temple City, CA) on August 31, 2015. Staff was directed to forward the findings to the Board of Supervisors.
- East Los Angeles Sheriff Station (East 3rd Street, Los Angeles, CA) on August 25, 2015.

**Commissioner Goldberg visited:**

- Central Juvenile Hall (Eastlake Avenue, Los Angeles, CA) on September 8, 2015.

**Commissioners Grills and Burton visited:**

- Dangerfield Group Home #3 (West 73rd Street, Los Angeles, CA) on September 3, 2015.
- Fred Jefferson Memorial Home "Denker House" (East 142 Street, Compton, CA) on September 5, 2015 and noted that there is no functioning computer, no posted activity schedule, no fire drill since June 2015 and several staff personnel files are incomplete.

**During the reporting period, the following facility was reported as being in unsatisfactory condition:**

**Vice Chairperson Bigby and Commissioners Arias-Bhatia and Duran visited:**

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**Men's Central Jail (4th Floor - Bauchet Street, Los Angeles, CA) on September 4, 2015 and noted that although the facility is in satisfactory condition the following findings exist:**

- The walls are rotting
- The plumbing needs to be repaired and the plastic pipes are being eaten by rats
- The facility has mold which poses health risks for the staff and inmates and the facility is beyond repair
- The facility is in very bad condition
- The toilets and water should be replaced

**Staff was directed to forward the findings to the Board of Supervisors**

**Commissioners Grills and Burton visited:**

- **Men's Central Jail "9300 and 9400" (Bauchet Street, Los Angeles, CA) on September 7, 2015 and noted that the shower does not drain, worms are coming out the toilet, the sink is clogged, inmates are paying for over priced items in the canteen and two phones do not work.**

**Staff was directed to forward the findings to the Board of Supervisors.**

### **III. DISCUSSIONS**

**6. Review of all SBC Inspection Forms. (15-4156)**

**A brief discussion was held on whether the Commission should revise the inspection forms.**

**After discussion, on motion of Vice Chairperson Barbara Bigby, seconded by Commission Keren Goldberg, unanimously carried, the review and revision of the SBC inspection forms is continued to a future meeting until the Commissioners have met with their appointing Supervisors regarding what is expected of the Commission.**

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#### **IV. MISCELLANEOUS**

##### **Matters Not Posted**

7. Matters not on the posted agenda, to be discussed and (if requested) referred to staff or placed on the agenda for action at a future meeting, or matters requiring immediate action because of an emergency situation or where the need to take action came to the attention of the Committee subsequent to the posting of the agenda. (15-4210)

**There were no matters presented for a future agenda.**

##### **Public Comment**

8. Opportunity for members of the public to address the Commission on items of interest that are within the jurisdiction of the Commission. (15-4211)

**Maya Paley, Director of Legislative and Community Engagement, National Council of Jewish Women, Los Angeles was present to talk to the Commission briefly on Human trafficking highlighting sex trafficking, labor trafficking, and the Human Trafficking Outreach Project SB 1193 Implementation. She urged the Commissioners to help spread the word and create awareness on the resources that are available to victims.**

##### **Adjournment**

9. Adjournment for the meeting of September 9, 2015. (15-4212)

**There being no further business, Chairperson Montañó adjourned the meeting of September 9, 2015 at 12:10 p.m.**